White paper on WTO's impact on India

2318. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand has been made to Government, to bring out a White Paper on the profit and loss account of India being part of the WTO since 1995 and whether Government propose to bring out this paper;

(b) whether Government have made analysis of the impact if India had not joined the WTO and what were the sector-wise gains or losses as a result of joining the WTO; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Does not arise.

Assistance to Orissa for shrimp export

2319. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Orissa is picking up in shrimp exports and it is expected to rise threefold by 2010 when it would export 1200 crore brackish-water shrimp;

(b) whether Government is also aware that Orissa is a debt-ridden cash-strapped state and lacks resources for development of its infrastructure;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to extend financial and other help to the State for exploitation of its shrimp potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of the potential of Orissa in increasing its export earnings by augmenting the export of shrimp and scampi generated through aquaculture. The state is known to have about 32,000 ha of potential brackish water area for development of aquaculture. Besides the State of Orissa is gifted with a number of rivers and riverine systems and about 1.15 lakh ha of ponds and tanks that can be used for aquaculture of fresh